

House Resolution No. 4627

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations that have proven down through the years to be quite successful in enhancing quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through a steadfast dedication to providing spiritual services; and

Whereas, the Gasconade County Bible Society was founded in 1857 by the Reverend August Rauschenbusch (a native of Altena, Germany, and founder of the Pin Oak Baptist Church in Mount Sterling and several other Baptist congregations in the area), four other protestant ministers, and nineteen laymen; and

Whereas, on March 9, 1857, a call was issued for an organizational meeting to be held at the house of the Reverend C. Nestel on April 1, 1857, for the purpose of organizing a Bible Society that would be an affiliate of the American Bible Society; and

Whereas, when the first call attracted insufficient numbers of interested persons, a second call went out for a meeting at Saint Paul's Church in Hermann on May 12, 1857; and

Whereas, at the more successful second meeting, the Gasconade County Bible Society was formed with the Reverend F.G. Scheible as president, the Reverend August Rauschenbusch as secretary, the Reverend Carl Nestel as treasurer and depositor, and Dr. James Cooper as vice president; and

Whereas, the Gasconade County Bible Society was established "for the sale and distribution of Bibles and Testaments... so that the Word of God might become known to the people and there be a means of salvation to the readers"; and

Whereas, the Gasconade County Bible Society is one of two remaining county Bible societies in the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, the Gasconade County Bible Society currently disseminates Bibles throughout Gasconade County and elsewhere in nursing homes, food pantries, senior centers, assisted living centers, the courthouse, and the Montgomery County jail; and provides Bibles to missionaries for use in other countries and to graduating seniors of the Gasconade County R-I and R-II high schools:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Gasconade County Bible Society and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the establishment of their organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Gasconade County Bible Society.

Offered by _____
Representative Charles Schlottach
District No. 111

Representative Tom Loehner

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4627, adopted September 4, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker